GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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CORRUPT ARMY JUDGES
ALE NARENDRA

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Nyay Ki Kursi par baithe hain sena ke dagdaar judge` appearing in the `Nav Bharat Times` dated September 22, 2002;

(b) if so, whether the Government have got the matter investigated;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the names of the officers identified by the Government in this regard, so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The matter has been investigated. The first two Judge Advocate General (JAG) Branch Officers referred to in the news item had witnessed the document for the purchase of the property in question by the wife of GOC-in-C, Central Command.At no time any army personnel was involved in the said case as alleged.

The Court of Inquiry which investigated the complaint against the Brigadier of the JAG Branch of the Southern Command, as referred to in the news item, also did not find him blameworthy.

The Brigadier, who heads the legal set up in Headquarters Western Command, has no case against him, as per records available.

(d) Does not arise.